

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 52-89 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please add new claims 99-103. The listing of claims below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Complete listing of claims

Claims 1-89 (Cancelled)

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90. (Previously presented) A fiber bale comprising,
a sealed chamber comprising a bulk material,
wherein the bulk material comprises fibers,
wherein the density of the bulk material in the sealed chamber is from 0.2 to 0.9 g/cm³;
wherein the sealed chamber comprises a top wall, a bottom wall and a plurality of side walls;
wherein the package has a substantially cuboidal shape;
wherein the top and bottom walls of the sealed chamber are substantially flat;
wherein at least one wall comprises an evacuator; and
wherein the initial pressure in the sealed chamber is less than ambient atmospheric pressure.
91. (Previously presented) The fiber bale according to claim 90, wherein the fibers comprise cellulose acetate fibers.
92. (Previously presented) The fiber bale according to claim 90, wherein the walls are comprised of a polymeric film.
93. (Previously presented) The fiber bale according to claim 90, wherein the walls are comprised of one or more of: polyethylene, polypropylene, ethylene vinyl alcohol polymer, nylon, mylar, polyethylene terephthalate, polyethylene terephthalate glycol, polyimides, polyamides, biaxially oriented nylon, linear low density polyethylene, or ultra linear low density polyethylene.